

Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey



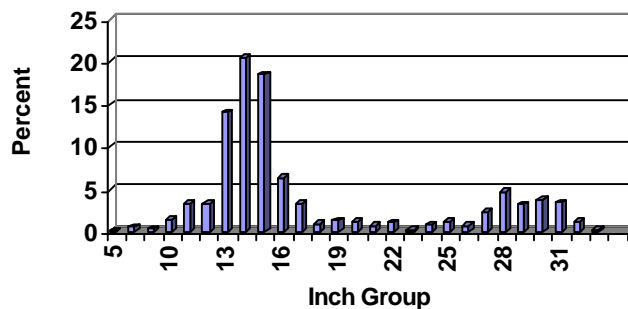
1997 Fact Sheet

New Jersey

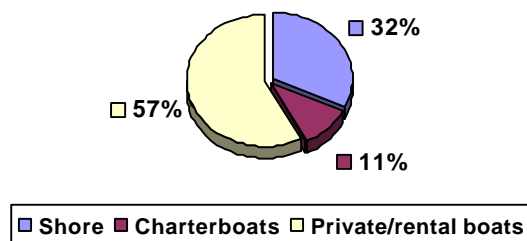


| Species | Number Harvested (thousands) | Pounds Harvested (thousands) | Number Released (thousands) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| BLUEFISH | 895 | 3548 | 855 |
| WEAKFISH | 949 | 1694 | 883 |
| SUMMER FLOUNDER | 3421 | 5538 | 5320 |
| BLACK SEA BASS | 2238 | 1985 | 2093 |
| STRIPED BASS | 65 | 792 | 703 |

Harvested Bluefish Length Frequency



**Saltwater Fishing Trips by Mode
1997 Total: 5.06 million**



Did You Know...?

- ★ Over 801,000 anglers participated in New Jersey's recreational saltwater fishery in 1997.
- ★ New Jersey anglers harvested more summer flounder than any other state in 1997
- ★ MRFSS field interviewers have identified 77 species of fish caught in New Jersey waters.
- ★ Over 61,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at New Jersey fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.